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FOLLOWING REPEAT CAIRO 9394 ACTION SECSTATE SEP 22.

QUOTE: S E C R E T CAIRO 9394

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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT SADAT'S LETTER TO PRESIDENT FORD

REF: A. STATE 214854; B) CAIRO 8944

1. LATE LAST NIGHT OSAMA AL-BAZ TELEPHONED TO SAY FAHMY WISHED TO SEE ME AT 1330 TODAY. HIS PURPOSE, AS IT TURNED OUT, WAS TO GIVE ME A LETTER DATED SEPTEMBER 22, 1975 FROM PRESIDENT SADAT TO PRESIDENT FORD. ALTHOUGH THE TEXT DOES NOT SPECIFICALLY SAY SO, FAHMY AFFIRMED THAT IT IS IN REPLY TO PRESIDENT FORD'S RECENT LETTER (REFTEL A). FAHMY ASKED THAT IT BE FORWARDED THROUGH YOU TO PRESIDENT FORD.

QUOTE DEAR MR. PRESIDENT,

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I WRITE TO YOU TO EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION FOR THE ROLE

PLAYED BY YOU PERSONALLY AND YOUR GOVERNMENT IN CONNECTION  
WITH THE RECENT AGREEMENT IN SINAI.

IT IS MY FERVENT HOPE THAT THIS AGREEMENT WOULD  
PROVE TO BE A TURNING POINT IN THE HISTORY OF THE  
MIDDLE EAST AND PAVE THE WAY FOR PEACE THEREIN.  
THIS WOULD CERTAINLY BE THE CASE IF THE AGREEMENT IS  
TO BE LOOKED UPON AS PART AND PARCEL OF A SERIOUS  
EFFORT AND A COMMITMENT TO WORK OUT AN OVER ALL  
PEACEFUL SOLUTION. MOREOVER, I HOPE THAT YOU AGREE  
WITH ME THAT THIS AGREEMENT SHOULD BE IMPLEMENTED IN  
GOOD FAITH AND TO BE REGARDED IN ITS APPROPRIATE  
PERSPECTIVE AND TRUE FRAMEWORK.

IT IS MY VIEW THAT THE WORLD WILL COME TO  
APPRECIATE THE STEP WE HAVE EMBARKED UPON AS A RIGHT  
STEP TAKEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE UNITED NATIONS  
RELEVANT RESOLUTIONS AND THE PURPOSES AND PRINCIPLES  
OF THE CHARTER, A PATH THAT WOULD PAVE THE WAY TO THE  
RECONVENING OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE AND THE ESTABLISH-  
MENT OF A JUST AND LASTING PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST,  
INCLUDING A JUST SOLUTION TO THE PALESTINIAN PROBLEM,  
AS YOU YOURSELF HAVE REPEATEDLY STATED.

I WELCOME WHAT YOU HAVE STATED IN YOUR LETTER  
DATED 10 SEPTEMBER 1975 THAT YOU SHARE THE VIEW  
THAT THE AGREEMENT DOES NOT FREEZE THE SITUATION. ON  
OUR PART WE WILL CERTAINLY WORK TO PRESERVE THE MOMENTUM  
AND GUARANTEE THE CONTINUOUS MOVEMENT TOWARDS A  
SETTLEMENT AND TO PREVENT ANY STALEMATE OR A RETURN  
TO THE STATE OF NO-PEACE NO-WAR IN ANY FORM.

WITH ALL CANDOR, MR. PRESIDENT, I EXPRESS MY  
SERIOUS CONCERN OVER THE QUESTION OF ARMING ISRAEL,  
ESPECIALLY PROVIDING HER WITH SUCH SOPHISTICATED  
ARMAMENTS AND MISSILES OF THE TYPE AND CAPABILITIES  
OF THE PERSHING. I ASSURE YOU THAT SUCH MISSILES  
AND MASSIVE ARMAMENTS, IF GIVEN TO ISRAEL AS SHE  
DEMANDS, WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO HALTING THE MOMENTUM  
TOWARDS PEACE AND AFFECTING THE PROCESS OF APPROCHING  
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THAT PEACE. IT WOULD LEAD TO A STATE OF TENSION AND  
PROMOTE AN EXPLOSIVE SITUATION I TRUST YOU ARE FULLY  
AWARE OF ITS REPERCUSSIONS AND CONSEQUENCES.  
ON THE OTHER HAND I ASSURE YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, THAT  
SUCH MASSIVE ARMAMENTS WOULD NOT LEAD TO ISRAEL'  
FEELINGS OF SECURITY BECAUSE THAT WOULD LEAD AUTOMATICALLY  
TO A RACE IN ARMAMENTS BETWEEN THE PARTIES. INSTEAD  
IT WOULD CERTAINLY LEAD TO A FURTHER RIGID AND OBSTRUCTION-

IST POLICY BY ISRAEL AND TO ITS CONTINUOUS REFUSAL  
TO MOVE FORWARD TOWARDS PEACE.

IN CONCLUSION, I WOULD LIKE TO ASSURE YOU OF  
THE GREAT PLEASURE MRS. SADAT AND MYSELF FEEL OF THE  
OCCASION OF OUR FORTHCOMING VISIT TO YOUR GREAT COUNTRY  
AND PEOPLE. I FULLY AGREE WITH YOU THAT THIS VISIT  
WILL FURTHER ENHANCE BOTH OUR OFFICIAL AND PERSONAL  
TIES AND REINFORCE OUR EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE PEACE IN  
THE MIDDLE EAST.

WITH WARM REGARDS.

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